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First Empire: Miniature Of A Man In A Solid Gold Frame And Padlock. Early 19th Century. Hair



980 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Gold

Width : 4 cm

Height : 5 cm

Description
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Superb miniature of a man from the Empire period in a gold frame secured with a tiny padlock. The miniature is rectangular and depicts a man's bust, facing forward. He is wearing a large blue coat, a shirt with sagging tails, and a silk tie. This portrait is very finely painted, with detail and precision, in the style and taste of the very early 19th century. On the reverse, his hair is braided. The miniature and the hair composition are in a hinged gold frame secured with a tiny gold padlock. A chain holds the key to this padlock. The latter is perfectly functional, a small marvel of precision. Behind this padlock lies the symbolism of the loved one whose portrait and memory are precious preserved by being "locked up." The hair on the reverse side is most likely that of the man portrayed and that of his

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wife and/or children. The padlock and the fixed bail are hallmarked: . Rooster's head with closed beak facing right: guarantee of the small gold works of Paris for 1798-1809. Magnificent portrait painted with this adorable padlock, a testament to the affection shown to the painted figure. 5 x 4 cm for the frame alone. 19.7 grams gross. Very good condition. One chain link replaced with a gold wire. Hand delivery in Paris or insured Colissimo shipping. France: EUR15. Europe: EUR20. Worldwide: EUR35.